

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8 are amended. Claims 2-4 and 10-12 are canceled. Claim 19 is added as a new claim.

Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 19 is found, for example, at page 31, line 8 to page 33 ([OS-8], [OS-9] and [OS-10]), and from page 8, line 16 to page 17, line 3. Claim 8 is amended to correct a minor informality. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, upon entry of the amendment, claims 1, 5-9 and 13-19 will be all of the claims pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Paragraph 3:

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Oshima et al (EP 1176 467 A1).

Paragraph 4:

Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Shimada et al (US 2001/0036598 A1).

II. Applicants' Response

Claim 1 is amended herein. The photosensitive composition of claim 1 as amended comprises a specific sulfonium salt polymerization initiator and a specific polymerizable compound. The sulfonium salt polymerization initiator has at least two chloro-substituted aryl groups. The polymerizable compound has a specific structure with six ethylenically unsaturated bonds. The combination of these two components provides further enhanced sensitivity.

Neither one of Oshima or Shimada discloses, teaches or suggests these two components, much less the combination of these two components. Thus, the presently claimed invention as recited in amended claim 1 and dependent claims 5-9 and 13-19, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious over the cited references.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

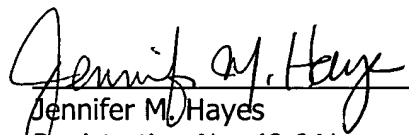
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